

sion of weakness and want of experience ! It must, however, "be respected, for it had its source in love of their country; bizt., while we excuse it, can it be justified ? The population of the metropolis had resumed its usual appearance, which was that of complete indifference, with a resolution to cry ^{tf} 'Long live the King!' provided the King arrived well escorted; for one must not judge of the whole capital by about one-thirtieth part of the inhabitants, who called for a rnaSj and declared themselves warmly against the return of the exiled family.

" On the 23d I returned to the Elysee. The Emperor had been for two hours in his bath. He himself turned the discourse on the retreat he ought to choose, and spoke of the United States. I rejected the idea without reflection, and with a degree of vehemence that surprised him. < Why not -A xo.erica ?' he asked. I answered, ' Because Moreau retired ~bhez*e.' The observation was harsh, and I should never have forgiven myself for having expressed it, if I had not retracted my advice a few days afterwards. He heard it without any apparent ill humor, but I have no doubt that it must have made an unfavorable impression on his mind. I strongly "urged, on his choosing England for his asylum.

" The Emperor went to Malmaison. He was accompanied "blxitner by the Duchesse de St. Leu, Bertrand and his family, and the Due de Bassano. The day that he arrived there he proposed to me to accompany him abroad. ' Drouot/ he said, ' remains in France. I see the Minister of War wishes him not to be lost to his country. I dare not complain, but it is a great loss to me; I never met with a better head, or a more upright heart. That man was formed to be a prime minister anywhere.' I declined to accompany him at the time, saying, ' 3Vly wife is *enceinte*; I cannot make up my mind to leave her. Allow me some time, and I will join you wherever you may "be. I have remained faithful to your Majesty in better times, and you may reckon upon me now. Nevertheless, if my wife did not require all my attention, I should do better to go with you, for I have sad forebodings respecting my fate.'⁷

" The Emperor made no answer; but I saw by the expression